Flycatchers Driven Out by Bluebirds. Wrens the Final Victors.

"One spring," said a lover of birds, "there came to a birdhouse in my garden a pair of great crested flycatchers. I had a dozen birdhouses scattered around. This particular one was about a foot square, with a peaked roof and a | And, oh, chimney at each end, a doorway for the birds to go in and out and a couple of

give the house light and air. "This birdhouse, the summer before, had been eccupied by a pair of bluebirds, who had left their nest behind them. This nest the great crested flycatchers pulled apart and threw out of the house, every twig and straw. They cleaned the house out completely and then they brought in everything new and built a nest of their own and settled down comfertably for the summer.

"But in a few days a pair of bluebirds came along, and they made for this house. It might have been the same identical pair of bluebirds that occupied it the summer before. I don't | him feel how utterly helpless man is in know about that, though I have no doubt that robins and other birds that have been south for the winter, hundreds of miles away, do come back in the spring to the same places and to the same trees. Anyhow this pair of bluebirds wanted that birdhouse, and they were ready to fight for it, and that is what they did. The flycatcher is a nice fighter, but not a match for the bluebird. They had a grand round up inside the house, and finally the bluebirds pitched the flycatchers out, and later they pitched out every stick of furniture that the flycatchers had brought ner." in, cleaned the house out entirely and then brought in fresh material and built | ner," she smiled. a new nest according to their own ideas, and they settled down for the summer.

"Well, a few days after that a pair of wrens came along, and they took a fancy to that particular birdhouse, too, and they sailed right in and tackled the bluebirds on the spot. You couldn't see the fight from the ground, but every now and then you could see a straw or a feather shoot out of the front door of the house. The bluebird is a good, sound fighter, but the wren is a better one, and the upshot was that the wrens fairly put the bluebirds out and took possession of the birdhouse themselves. tumbled it out of the door, to fall on new stuff and built a nest for them-

staid there and raised their young cents to his 40, slips around to the flor- its magnitude and success or was busied there, and in the fall they all-flew away and left the birdbonse again deserted for the winter. "-New York Sun.

LADIES WHO STOLE.

Strange Tales Are Told of Our Ancestors

of Washington's Time. We naturally have a very exalted opinion of the aristocracy of our country and can scarcely be convinced that the ladies of society in the early days of independence conducted themselves in any but the most dignified manner. Indeed some of their descendants would feel highly elated to know that they in any wise resemble their supposed courtly ancestors. It is to be heped that they | pid brain? are not kin to the personages referred to

in the following complaint: complains that "between tippee beaux and fashionable belles an honest fellow will stand a good chance of being fleeced | florist. - Washington Star. by the politest tissue of mistakes conceivable. The gentleman will help himself very casually to your hat if it is better than his, take up your umbrella with the most absent air imaginable, bear off your loose cont without once perceiving his mistake and pick up your gloves, 'they so much resemble his.' " And now for the ladies' part in this

"The lady will borrow your penknife, very accidentally put your pecket handkerchief into her muff or playfully take your ring from your finger or breastpin from your bosom, all as innecently as though it was the very thing you called upon her fer, so that between ladies and gentlemen you will stand a good chance of being turned out, stripped of all your possessions, according to the newest rules of etiquette."-Philadel-

Birthday of the Locomotive.

What has been regarded by some as the birthday of the railway locomotive occurred on Sept. 27, 1825, with Stephenson as the father of the event. The Stockton and Darlington railway had been built, and, through his persistent importunities, laid with ire, instead of wooden rails. It had been intended prevailed upon the owners to allow him gether with the brains, and took the merely for horse draft, but the inventor a trial of his steam locomotive.

Stephenson himself was the driver on that occasion, and, before a tremendous crowd of curious and for the most part incredulous people, he drew a train of nearly 80 wagons, leaded with passengers and coal, at a speed of 12 to 15 miles per hour. Thus the first train that ever carried passengers made its journey in safety, and the enthusiasm of the

multitude was indescribable. But, notwithstanding this demonstrafully ridiculed by the majority. Nor was this ridicule confined to the ignorant classes. The ablest engineers contended that it was ridiculous to suppose that steam could ever be practically employed in competition with horse power for transportation. Almost incredible as it may now seem, it is a fact that political economists inveighed against the railway and the engine as constituting an ful-which was very doubtful-would keepers of their livelihood. It was in April, June and November." the face of an almost universal opposition, of the wild, unreasonable kind, must have a name beginning with "k," -North American Review.

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per box. For sale by A. F. Streitz THE INCONSISTENT SEX.

"Dear baby spoke today!" she cried.
"He said 'Mamma' as plain as plain could And it was sweet his dimpled smile to see And sweet his gurgling baby laugh to Come quick! Perhaps he will again. The

"Baby is growing big so fast, "—the sudden tears gushed to her "He'll speak and walk and grow so big

auger holes bored through the back to And love another best and woo and wed give the house light and air

"And I am so unhappy!"

-J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

A LESSON IN ECONOMICS. Young Woman Gives a Young Man

Some Valuable Tips. Again it is a Washington girl. This time she appears as an angel of economy to a young man who needs that kind of angelic administration about as much as any other young man in the Capital City, and she is just as successful as if she were trampling him

conflict with the irresistible. "By Jove " he was saying, "this sort of thing is simply intolerable!"

with admirable poise. "Why, I have just had to pay a messenger 40 cents to deliver a note up town for me, and he was gone less than half an hour. It would be cheaper to little bird and a pretty plucky sort of a | have bired a cab and horse and driver, and still cheaper to have sent it by mail under a special delivery stamp."

"What was the note?" she asked, womanlike, before she thought. "A response to an invitation to din- bright sun, shiring through a clear sky

"Forty cents is cheap for a good din-

"But I couldn't go," he wailed. "It was a declination, and the 40 cents on the gay colors of the waving banners. top of that. Really, though, this messenger service is a rank imposition and should not be tolerated. Twenty-five cents an bour is ample, with short distances at 10 or 15 cents. The convenience is easily worth that, but more than that is plain extertion and the greed of monopolies."

"You have my sympathy. You are the more entitled to it because you don't seem to know any better. Now, why aren't you as bright as a man I strangely with the savage frown of war. know, who hasn't any more money It was a matchless pageant that And then the wrens did just what the than you have? When he has a note or could not fail to inspire all beholders others had done. They pitched out ev- a book to send to a girl, he doesn't with the grandeur of achievement and ery scrap of stuff in the birdhouse-just | waste 40 cents on a grinding monopoly | the majesty of military power. The -oh, that's what it is," she laughed, man whose genius had conceived and the ground-and then they brought in as she noted his look of surprise, "we whose skill had executed this masterly have a call in our house, and I am com- movement stood watching the spectacle pelled to use it sometimes-but he does in prefound silence. Whether his mind "Nobody molested the wrens. They a much better thing. He just adds 10 was occupied with the contemplation of ist's, orders 50 cents' worth of violets with maturing plans for the future no sent to the girl, puts the note in with one can tell. After a time he woke from the flowers, and there you are. See? his reverie, mounted his horse and gave Only 10 cents out, and think how much orders to have headquarters ferried in-for girls do love flowers, even 50 across to the south bank of the river.

The voung man began gasping for

"Or," she went right on, "if it is get semething perfectly levely for 60 cents, and to add a book or pleasant tra. Now, is the plan clear to your stu- done in 1814, when President Madison

woman that very afternoon received a avoid capture by the British. One of our early statesmen actually delightful note of thanks for valuable information, accompanied by a 50 cent little has been allowed to be made bunch of violets from a well known

Precious Meals. Almost any dish which had to recommend it rarity, costliness, indigestibility, and, to our way of thinking, nastiness, was sure to take with the Roman epicure. And if he were unable to make it costly any other way he would add powdered precious stones or gold dust. Nero dined on one cecasion from a peacock which was sprinkled with diamend dust, and specimens of that bird dressed with gold or with crushed pearls were by no means a rarity at the triclinia of the moneyed Romans. A dish of parrots' tongues was a great delicacy. But a dish of parrots' tongues which had been capable, when in their proper place, of framing words, was of almost incalculable value, which increased in a direct ratio with the vocabularies of

the defunct parrots. Another bird for which the Roman epicure was in the habit of paying fabplous prices was the phenecoptrix, which is believed to have been the ptarmigan. It had its home in the most northerly parts of Scotland and Norway, and as this made it hard to get at the Romans appreciated it all the more and put it in the same rank with ostriches, buzzards and peacocks. The tongues of these birds were specially prepared, toplace which a hors d'œuvre would now take. - New York Post.

Naming a Burmese Baby. A Burmese baby when a fortnight old is named. On the anspicious day, which the astrologer has selected, there is a feast to which relatives and friends have been invited. The baby's head is washed for the first time, and his name is chosen. An English lady residing in Burma describes the process of select-

mined by the day of the week upon dat ain' got no scuse foh boastin, eben which he was born. Burmese custom if he wanted ter."-Washington Star. divides the letters of the alphabet among the days of the week, and a child born on Monday must receive a name initialed by one of the letters belonging to that day.

Ka, kha, ga, gha, nga, Taninla

Sa, hsa, za, zha, nya, Ainga. Ta, tha, da, dha, na, Sanay, imaginary reform, which, even if success- is the beginning of a jingle which every Burmese child learns, as you and I deprive stage drivers, teamsters and inn- learned, "Thirty days hath September,

A child born on Taninla (Monday) that a few men, led by the great Ste- "g" or "n," and when he is old phenson, labored steadily onward and enough to go to the pagedas the nature finally established the railroad and the of the offering he carries, or rather its locomotive as institutions of the land. shape, is determined by the day of his

Each day of the week is under the protection or subject to the fury of some animal. The tiger rules Monday, The best salve in the world for cuts and a Burman born on Monday will bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever offer to Gautama a candle shaped like a sores, teter, chapped hands, chilblains tiger and fashioned of scarlet or of yellow wax. Tuesday belongs to the king of beasts, Wednesday is the tusked elephant's, Thursday is sacred to the rat N. W. Ry. offers the best service a goldfish, but prices ranging from 50 and Friday to the guinea pig. The drag- and the fastest time. Call or write cents to \$15 or more are not unusual. on dominates Saturday, and Sunday is dedicated to another fabulous creature. half bird, half beast.

PASSAGE OF THE JAMES.

The Brilliant Military Spectacle Presented by the Advance on Petersburg. In The Century General Horace Porter writes of "Grant's Dash For Petersburg" in his series of papers on "Campaigning With Grant," Of the passage of the James, General Porter says:

As the general in chief stood upon the bluff on the north bank of the river on the morning of June 15, watching with unusual interest the busy scene spread out before him, it presented a sight which had never been equaled even in his extended experience in all the varied phases of warfare. His cigar had been behind him, and he seemed lost in the contemplation of the spectacle. The great bridge was the scene of a continuous movement of infantry columns, batteries of artillery and wagon trains. The approaches to the river on both banks were covered with masses of troops moving briskly to their positions or waiting patiently their turn to cross. under her scornful heel and making At the two improvised ferries steamboats were gliding back and forth with the regularity of weavers' shuttles. A fleet of transports covered the surface of the water below the bridge, and gun-"What sort of thing?" she inquired, boats floated lazily upon the stream, guarding the river above. Drums were beating the march, bands

were playing stirring quicksteps, the distant becming of cannon on Warren's front showed that he and the enemy were still exchanging compliments, and mingled with these sounds were the cheers of the sailors, the shouting of the troops, the rumbling of wheels and the shricks of steam whistles. The upon the scene, cast its sheen upon the water, was reflected from the burnished gun barrels and glittering cannon, and brought out with increased brilliancy The calmly flowing river reflected the blue of the heavens and mirrored on its surface the beauties of nature that bordered it. The rich grain was standing high in the surrounding fields. The harvest was almost ripe, but the harvesters had fied. The arts of civilization had recoiled before the science of destruction, and in looking from the growing crops to the marching columns the gentle smile of peace contrasted

Washington Well Fortified.

In view of the fact that the national capital was once taken and burned by a the season when flowers are more ex- foreign enemy it is reassuring to know pensive than messenger service, just that a calamity so humiliating is not substitute candy for flowers. You can likely to occur again, even in case of

Washington is the best defended city note to it makes it well worth the girl's in the country. A hostile fleet could kindest thought and your 20 cents ex- not now ascend the Potomac, as was and his wife were compelled to make a Whether it was or not the young hurried escape across the Potomac to

For military and prudential reasons known concerning the new works and the heavy ordnance recently installed below the city, but for some years engineers have been busy at the river forts. Some very formidable guns are now in position there, and a system of torpedo defenses has been perfected which would render the approach of an enemy's warships within 12 miles of

Washington practically impossible. The defensive works are located at the "elbow," or turn, of the Potomac channel for vessels of deep draft is but

The guns are protected on the water concrete 70 feet thick, and on the land side by redoubts for infantry.

The rapidly increasing wealth and of money and bullion in the treasury render these protective and defensive measures a matter of national importance and necessity .- Youth's Compan-

Her Point of View.

They were discussing the construction

"From a hygienic point of and merely as a matter of health," suggest-

The haughty beauty stopped her by a

"Hygienic point of view!" she ex- North American Review. claimed. "Matter of health! What has that to do with it? When I want health, I will go to a doctor. When I want style, I come to you. We will now eliminate all absurdities and discuss this purely from a common sense standpoint. Will it be fashionable and becoming?" -Philadelphia Times.

"De man dat boasts ob his cha'ty," The limits of the choice are deter- criticise. But he ain' ez bad ez de man

Dresden's Newspaper.

The city of Dresden owns a daily paper, the Dresdener Anzeiger, which was given to it by its late proprietor on the condition that all profits arising therefrom should be spent upon the public parks. This year a large playground of nearly eight acres was purchased from Prince George, the king's brother and beir apparent, and it will be ready for use this summer. The paper continues to hold the respect of all citizens, for the trust has been carried out in its broadest spirit, and the power has never been employed to foster any school of opinions-social, political or reli-

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appreciate it. As a matter of fact, casnalties to our new armorelads and cruisers have not been particularly frequent when their size and their number are considered. In this country every trivial mischance is caught up and exploited by the sensational newspapers, but nothing is said of similar accidents in foreign navies. Barring the destruction of Admiral Kimberly's fleet by the Samoan hurricane in 1889, which no skill or foresight could have prevented, thrown aside, his hands were clasped | our naval service for many years has been remarkably free from really serious disasters.

There is nothing in our records to compare with the capsizing of the British frigate Captain with half a thousand men in 1870, or the fatal collision of the British ironclads Vanguard and Iron Duke in 1875, or that of the German ironclad Kaiser Wilhelm and Grosser Kurfurst the year following, when 300 men perished, or the loss of the British training ships Eurydice and Atlanta in 1878 and 1880 with 600 officers, sailors and apprentice boys, or the sinking of the British flagship Victoria, with Admiral Tryon, 22 officers and 330 sailors, by collision with the Camperdown on June 22, 1893, in the Mediterranean, or the wreck of the Spanish cruiser Reina Regente, on March 10. 1895, with 420 officers and seamen.

The list of minor accidents to foreign naval ressels in the past few years would be too long to enumerate. But the stranding of the British ironelads Howe and Auson, the flagship Amphion and the cruiser Saltan were far more grave affairs than any such accidents which have occurred to any of our own heavy vessels within this period. We have had our fair share of troubles, perhaps, but no more than that -Boston

SHE OBEYED ORDERS.

Couldn't Be Blamed if Some of the Call-

ers Refused to Give Their Names. They had been discussing that everways be depended upon to furnish a all kinds. topic for conversation when three or four women are gathered together. Each had told of her experience with her

"help," when one of them said: girl you ever saw in your life. Her ignorance is a perpetual source of wonder to me. The day after I got her I went out shopping and told her if any one called during my absence to say I was out and ask his name. These scemed simple instructions, but I thought she would need them.

"When I returned, I asked if anybody had called.

" 'Yes, mum; they did,' she replied. " 'Who were they?' "'They wouldn't tell their names,

she answered. ""Wouldn't tell their names! I exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, mum; but I think one of them said "bananas" and the other

"I demanded further particulars. "I tried to tell them you was out and ask their names. You hadn't been gone very long when one of them came. It was the man who called "bananas." I remembered what you said, mum, and I went after him and told him you was out. He asked me if I wanted any bananas, and I told him no; that you was out, and asked what was his name. But he wouldn't tell me. It was the same with the other person who called. He called "rags" and only laughed at me when I ran after him." "-Chicago

Times-Herald. Teach Spelling From the Blackboard. A revival of the old fashioned spelling school has been tried in some localities, but only to prove that it does not, as a rule, reach the poor spellers. They stay away from it-they are not wanted in a spelling match. The spelling school was where old Forts Washington and Sheri- for the glorification of the good spellers. dan stood, and where at one point the It did something, no doubt, for depraved brain cells before such mysteries were ever heard of in connection with spelling books - before physicial inertia side by emplacement walls of stone and | could be charged to weak valvular heart action, and ugly tempers to microbes, and all the rest. The spelling school belongs to a past dispensation, says my importance of Washington, the grand friend, but it suggests what might do new public buildings and the vast sums | much for orthography, if the blackboard were made a conspicuous feature and the attention concentrated upon the reading and writing of sentences, of which the following might be an example: "Mr. Wright, the wheelwright, does not write rite rightly," with helpful stories occasionally like that of the teacher who wrote upon the board the three words, "Boys, bees, bear," asking the children to construct and write a ed the dressmaker, "I think it should sentence in which these words would be used intelligently, one boy giving at unce, "Boys bees bear when they goes in swimming."-Jane Marsh Parker in | 1806, and duly filed in the office of the cierk of

Argentine Railroads. In the Argentine Republic the service of trains is appallingly irregular, chiefly owing to the bad state of the permanent way, which, when once laid, is left to take care of itself. The perma- W. Alexander on Lot 2, Block 113, North Platte, Nebraska, on the 5th day of June, 1897, at one nent way in some parts of the line is in such a dilapidated condition that almost every train is thrown off the rails. This astounding fact is contained in a recent report of the railway concerned. The rate of traveling, too, is astonishing. At one spot, on a go as you please local line, no train ever travels faster | No. 1 Cures Fever. than 21/2 miles per hour. One may vary the monotony of the journey by getting out and taking a quiet stroll along the line, or stopping to pick up pretty flowers. There is no fear that the train will eatch you up .- Harper's Round Table.

Noticed Before,

"I see that the scientists have discovered that solid metal actually evapo-

"Gee! I bet that is what comes of all my money. "-Indianapolis Journal.

Goldfish Prices.

Ordinary goldfish for aquariums can be bought as low as 10 cents each. From that the prices run up very high. As much as \$50 has been paid for a well bred telescope fish. This fish grows to be four cr five inches in length. It comes from China and Japan and takes Iowa and Illinois, the UNION PA. its name from its eyes, which stand out from its head like little telescopes. Fifty dollars is an unusual price to pay for The higher prices are paid for beautiful Japanese goldfish with fringed and lacelike tails. - New York Sun.

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proof will be made before Register and Receive at North Platte, Neb., on May 28th, 1897, viz: MARY E. WILMETH see GRIFFITH who made Homestead Entry No. 15954 for the north half of the northeast quarter, southeast quar ter of the northeast quarter, northeast quarter for the southeast quarter section 12, township 9 witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James R. Shaw, William Haughtaling, Joseph W. Thompson, and Joseph W. Beavers, all of Farnam, Neb.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., ? Notice is hereby given that the following-nam settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receive it North Platte, Neb., on May 29th, 1897, viz-

CLABA M STUMP, who made Homestead Entry No. 16308, for the southeast quarter section 12, township 11 north, range 30 west. She names the following witnesses o prove her continuous residence upon and cul-ivation of said land, viz: Joseph W. Stump, of Watts, Neb., Orrin A. Bacon, of Elizabeth, Neb.,

Acton D. Orr and DeWitt Van Brocklin, of North

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Land Office at North Piatte, Neb., } Notice is hereby given that Ernest Telitz has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register and Receiver at his office in North Platte Neb., on Saturday the 12th day of June, 1897, as timber culture application No. 11,869, for th southeast quarter of section No. 22, in township No. 3 north, range No. 32 wes.. He names as witnesse Fred Hibner, Henry Cordes, Bernhard Wuenken-werder, and Fred Keohn, all of North Platte, Neb. 40-5 JOHN F. HINMAN, Register.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The assessor for the Suburban Irrigation District of Lincoin county, Nebraska, has this day filed in the office of the Secretary of said district the assessment of the lands of said district for taxable purposes for the year 1897.

The board of directors of said district will conene as an Equalization Board at the office of the Secretary of said district in the First National Bank building, in North Platte, on the 31st day of May, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and will itinue in session from day to day until the work of equalizing said assessment is completed; and the assessment book will during all of said time be subject to the inspection of all persons intereste

Dated May 15th, 1897 T. C. PATTERSON,

Secretary Suburban Irrigation District cember, 1896, and executed by William A. Loker and W. M Dymond to secure the payment of the sum of \$61.90, upon which there is now due \$65.00. Default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceeding at law hav-ing been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, therefore i will sell the property therein described, viz: One Kansas City Lightning hay bailer, at public auction at the barn of J

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